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Subject: Weekly Report of Superfund Division for the Week of 02/26/2016

Highlights of Past Week

Groundwater Convening - LA Basin: Matt Mitguard and Rusty Harris-Bishop participated in the first of several meetings sponsored by members of the Environmental Justice Network. Meetings are held with an array of regulatory and advocacy entities whose common goal is to work collectively to solve common problems regarding groundwater issues in the Los Angeles Central Basin among other environmental issues. Mitguard gave a short presentation with our California DTSC counterparts on our modeling work and data evaluation in the Central Basin and I-710 project area. (Contact: Matt Mitguard, x2-3096)

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Orange County North Basin: In response to EPA's December 15, 2015, letter to parties potentially interested

in the project, Orange County Water District requested a 60 day extension to further explore the willingness of other interested parties to join with OCWD to conduct an RI/FS. OCWD stated that it will offer to perform the RI/FS subject to good faith technical negotiations if a collaborative response is not possible. (Contact: Wayne Praskins, x2-3181)

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Williams AFB: The BCT met last week to discuss shutdown of the Steam Enhanced Extraction (SEE) system at ST12 Fuels Spill site which has been in operation since October of 2014. The regulatory agencies are not convinced that SEE has been operated to the full extent of its usefulness. Amec (AF's performance based contractor) maintains that most of the LNAPL mass now being recovered is coming from outside the perimeter of the treatment zone and that Enhanced Bioremediation (EBR) with sodium sulfate amendment will be able to address LNAPL outside of the treatment zone. The regulatory agencies have commented on the EBR workplan and are not convinced EBR alone will be able to treat concentrations that remain and that termination of SEE may still be premature. We are waiting for Amecs written responses to agency comments. As of February 18, Amec reports having removed 2,386,292 lbs total petroleum hydrocarbons from the subsurface, with 1,315,721 lbs removed as LNAPL and 200,262 gallons of jet fuel recovered. (Contact: Carolyn d'almeida, x2-3150)

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Navajo AUM Structures Removal Action: On February 23, we signed an action memo for the demolition and removal of contaminated structures and the excavation of contaminated soil in the Central Agency area of the Navajo Nation. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Significant Items for Next Week

Ruby Mines: We will send a Notice of Completion of Work that closes out the first Administrative Order on Consent with Freeport. They completed the Removal Site Evaluation and closed two adits and two vent holes. Next week we will send a draft Administrative Order to begin negotiations for an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Assessment (EE/CA) to evaluate final cleanup actions at the Ruby Mines. (Contact: Mark Ripperda, x2-3028)

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Anaconda Mine (Yerington NV): RA Jared Blumenfeld will be meeting on March 2 with a variety of Mason Valley stakeholders including agricultural interests, local government officials, and tribal governments to discuss the December 2015 EPA request to Governor Sandoval to support proposing the Anaconda site to the NPL. (Contacts: Dave Seter, x2-3250; Dante Rodriguez, x2-3166)

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Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 Weeks Out)

Grant Announcements

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Travel, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagement for Division Director

Other Information

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New Employee in the Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section: The Superfund Division welcomed new employee Don Nixon. He will be an inspector in the Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Section. Don comes to EPA from the Contra Costa County Certified Unified Program Agency, where he served as an inspector for the California Accidental Release Program. Don has a Masters in Chemical engineering and

prior to his employment with Contra Costa worked as an engineer in refinery and chemical manufacturing operations. He will add significant expertise and experience to our inspector cadre. Please join us in welcoming Don!

30-60 Day Outlook

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